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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application Number:	10/081,674
	Filing Date:	February 22, 2002
	First Named Inventor:	Fermin Ruiz
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously-filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted:
- i. ☐ Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The following fees are due as indicated below:

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) of ☐ \$385.00 for a small entity or ☒ \$770.00 for a large entity.
- ii. ☐ A two-month extension of time fee (37 CFR §1.136 and §1.17) of \$420.00.
- iii. ☐ Fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for presentation of additional or amended claims in any accompanying Amendment/Reply where such Amendment/Reply and the fee for such claims has not been previously submitted, said fee calculated as follows:

For	Number of Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Present Extra Claims	Small Entity			Large Entity	
				Rate	Fee		Rate	Fee
Total Claims	25	26	0	x \$9.00	\$	OR	x \$18.00	\$
Indep. Claims	7	7	0	x \$43.00	\$	OR	x \$86.00	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$145.00	\$	OR	+ \$290.00	\$
				TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$

iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- b. ☒ Checks are enclosed in the amount of \$770.00 and \$420.00 for the fees identified in Item 3.a. above.
- c. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees identified in Item 3.a. above to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.
- d. ☐ Payment of the fees identified in Item 3.a. above is by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

**WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

- e. ☒ The Director is authorized to charge payment of the following amounts associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0785:
- i. ☒ Additional filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 and 37 CFR §1.17 and 37 CFR §1.136 or deficiencies in remittances therefor.
- ii. ☒ Additional processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 or deficiencies in remittances therefor.

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